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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 03-087-A)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 8, 2006

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action Mailed September 14, 2003, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the patent application identified above in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. For ease of identification, deleted text is indicated by strikethrough text (*e.g.*, ~~deleted text~~) and inserted text is indicated by underlined text (*e.g.*, inserted text).

Remarks begin on page 30 of this paper.